

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for treating a textile fabric to impart or enhance at least one property of the fabric comprising:

introducing the fabric into an aqueous formaldehyde containing solution to provide a wet pickup of an effective amount of the solution by the fabric, applying to the fabric an effective amount of a catalyst for catalyzing a reaction between formaldehyde and the fabric;

thereafter exposing the wet fabric to a temperature of at least about 300°F to react the formaldehyde with the fabric to impart or enhance the property of the fabric before there is a substantial loss of formaldehyde from the exposed fabric.